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A. New Business

1. [12:30 - 12:45 PM School Board Comments](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Berryman reported on the Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition meeting where topics discussed were:

- Proposed funding of the 300 Lowest Performing Schools
- FTE funding
- Free FSBA Ethics training in Orlando on November 9th
- Pasco, Highlands, and Sumter submitted requests to join the Coalition
- Possible Coalition meetings in July and August

Mr. Berryman commented on the four contracts over \$50,000 that were on the Quarterly Business Services Report.

Mr. Mullenax commented on the tornado damages received in Texas. One town lost their elementary school, middle school, the administration building, the transportation department and their maintenance department during a recent storm. Only the high school survived the storm. He questioned how quickly we would be able to replace our schools if our reserves are too low to address the needs. This Texas school district has oil wells on its property - we aren't that lucky.

## B. Board Agenda Review

### 2. [12:45 - 1:00 PM Review Agenda of May 12, 2015 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [05 12 2015 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

#### C-12: Bid Recommendations

Mr. Berryman commented on Item E under the Bid Recommendations. The item is over \$250,000 and he felt it should be on the Regular Agenda. Staff responded the item is the purchase of over 250 food products from different vendors for school cafeterias; while each vendor is less than the \$250,000 limit, the total is \$8.5 million. Consensus: future items with an aggregate amount over the \$250,000 limit within a bid recommendation will be submitted as a regular item.

### 3. [1:00 - 1:10 PM BREAK](#)

## C. Information

Item 4

### 4. [Monthly Financial Statements for March 2015](#)

Attachment: [Mar 2015 Financial Package.pdf](#)

Item 5

### 5. ~~Head Start Grant Monthly Services Report~~

Attachment: ~~15HSA -- Head Start Financial Report as of 02-28-2015.pdf~~

Attachment: ~~April Board Executive Summary.pdf~~

Attachment: ~~14HSA -- Head Start Financial Report 02-28-2015.xls.pdf~~

Item 6

### 6. [Mathematica Research Grant: Impact Evaluation of Support for Principals](#)

Attachment: [Polk County Commitment Forms.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Impact Evaluation of Support for Principal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MOU Polk County 20150423.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Board Summary Approval Mathematica Polcy Research 2015.pdf](#)

## D. Discussion

### Item 7

#### 7. [1:10 - 1:40 PM Update on New K-8 Land Purchase and Environmental Permitting](#)

##### Minutes:

Greg Rivers, Associate Superintendent of Facilities and Operations, reported he and his staff have been working with various state agencies on a Memorandum of Understanding to address the habitat and conservation requirements for the sand skinks found on the new K-8 school site. The US Fish and Wildlife Service Department is looking at the site to make a final determination of the habitat delineation. When the acreage is determined, we will shop the mitigation bank market at a 2-1 acreage ratio. An approximate cost per acre is \$14,500; at a 2-1 ratio, the cost could be \$925,000.00.

If we did not spend the money towards mitigation, we would have to find property far, far away from this skink habitat area. Keeping in mind, too, that construction has been on the upswing and land prices are increasing.

Congressman Dennis Ross has been instrumental in our discussions with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Service Department.

### Item 8

#### 8. [1:40 - 2:10 PM 2015-2016 Charter School Projected Enrollment](#)

Attachment: [WS-Summary-Projected Enrollment 5.12.15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Copy of REVISED Projected Enrollment Worksheet for WS 5-12-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FL Statute Regarding Charter Enrollment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Copy of Projected Enrollment Worksheet for WS 5-12-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Vs Charter Student Performance for WS 5-12-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Charter Student Performance for WS 5-12-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Adam Emerson Response to 15% Enrollment Increase.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School Enrollment Request Letter.pdf](#)

Attachment: [COL graduating class data.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Polk State Gateway information for PCSB May 2015 \(1\).pdf](#)

##### Minutes:

Mr. Wilson suggested those charters requesting an increase be submitted separately for board vote. Mr. Mullenax responded that might be possible for those that are not designated as High Performing Charters as identified in State Statute.

Mrs. Fields would like to see staff's recommendations for Polk State College's Gateway to College High School. Mrs. LeRoy responded that she has asked staff for demographics: enrollment, diversity trends and patterns, etc. Mrs. Fields requested the total number of students withdrawn from Gateway; if they are approved for the 200 requested, how do they plan to keep them?

Mr. Harris questioned Ridgeview Global's request for 135 additional students when they don't have the capacity in their existing building and need the Board's approval to place relocatables at the conversion charter site.

Superintendent LeRoy will have the requested information (achievement data, diversity, etc.) to the Board as soon as possible; allowing time from them to review and ask questions before voting. Those charters requesting an increase will be submitted separately with staff's recommendations.

#### Item 9

9. [2:10 - 2:40 PM Ridgeview Global Studies Academy Proposed Contract Modification](#)

Attachment: [Ridgeview Charter Contract Modification Request 4-10-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WS-Summary-Ridgeview Modification 5.12.15.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Melissa Brady, Director of Charter Schools, provided information on Ridgeview Global's request to add 6th grade and place portables on the site to accommodate 135 students. They are a conversion charter school on School Board property. Greg Rivers visited the property and there is a area on a future building site that could accommodate a limited number of portables.

Mrs. Fields asked what happened to their initial request for land to build wings to house grades 6-8. Are the portables to be temporary solution until a land transfer occurs?

Mr. Rivers reported there is confusion as to their requests. A staff recommendation would be to place it all on hold. The original request for the 14 acres was to allow them to apply for charter capital outlay funds to build a Grade 6-8 building. The portables were to be a one year measure to house the students while the wing was being built. Without a resolution on the land, it would be unfair to Ridgeview and the District to approve the portables. Without a clear understanding of their plans, it is hard to go forward. Are the plans now to be a K-6 and house Grade 6 in portables; do they plan to return next year for land to house Grade 7, then Grade 8? He would not recommend acting on their portable request until we know their plan; continue with portables for a few years adding a grade level over the next few years (if ever) until land is either purchased or transferred to them and a building erected.

Mrs. LeRoy reminded the Board that we are opening a 1,400 K-8 school in

2016 that is not far from the Ridgeview Global site. Mr. Rivers stated that the County's Transportation Department is projecting 7,215 dwelling units (student population projected through 2040 equates to 1,414 elementary, 678 middle school, and 931 high school) for the entire northeast section of the county. Based on the numbers, he does not see the need for additional middle school seats in that area for the next 5 years.

Mrs. Cunningham doesn't see how the Board can discuss the portables without knowing Ridgeview's overall plan.

Mr. Mullenax asked how many portables are they requesting, 5 or 6?

Mr. Wilson asked how many portables will the site accommodate? Mr. Rivers explained that there is a play field and a separate area for a future building pad for an 8 classroom addition. How many portables are needed to house the 135 sixth graders? Mr. Rivers responded 5-6 portables. Mr. Wilson stated that would be 15-18 portables over the next three years if they added a grade each year. Mr. Wilson asked what are the state statues regarding their request. Mr. Bridges responded they can request to increase enrollment up to their capacity of the existing facility. If the Board allows them to add portables (it's the Board's property) they can increase their enrollment accordingly.

Superintendent LeRoy asked what the loss of student FTE would be if the new K-8 opens with empty seats. Mr. Rivers reported its \$6,300+ per student but you also need to look at the full overhead costs: teaching units, administration, utilities, etc. He suggested a item be placed on the next agenda for land transfer for the Board to vote. The land transfer should be addressed before portables are approved.

Mrs. Sellers stated she will not support a land transfer. The school will be a separate charter on a site that is not sufficient for a stand alone school; the charter school will not be a part of the conversion charter. We will be establishing a charter school connected to a conversion charter and with access to our site. She believes this will create problems for future school boards:. What happens to the conversion charter if the start up charter is ever sold to a management company - it shares our facilities? She cannot support a transfer of land and wouldn't like to mislead Mr. Frier.

Mr. Berryman would like to see staff return with a proposal on the land.

Mr. Wilson suggested we go forward with the 5-6 portable request.

Mrs. Fields asked how can we go forward when we don't know their plans; there is nothing in writing.

Mr. Rivers suggested Mr. Frier submit two plans for the May 26th meeting: Plan one for the land transfer to Ridgeview Global to proceed as originally requested for them to build a wing with portables as a temporary measure. Plan two would be if the Board does not support the land transfer, he would submit a request for portables to house Grade 6.

Mrs. Cunningham voiced concern that some Board Members have information that others do not; such as the land transfer request causing issues with the creation of two separate schools.

Mr. Bridges noted that whatever recommendation is submitted has to be from the Superintendent. If you want to give away property that we paid \$100,000 an acre for, he can probably find a legal way to make it happen under Statutes.

Consensus: bring a land proposal to the May 26 Work Session. The portable request to house 135 students will be placed as an emergency item on the May 12th meeting.

Mr. Harris suggested we wait until after our K-8 is built to see if there is a need at that time.

Mr. Berryman would like to know (for the May 26 Work Session) the original cost of the land, how much has been sold, and the amount we received.

#### Item 10

##### 10. [2:40 - 3:00 PM School Nutrition Update](#)

Attachment: [State of the Plate 2014-2015.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Community Eligibility Provision Recommendation 2015-2016.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Memo to Recommend Meal Prices for 2015-2016.pdf](#)

Minutes:

#### E. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 26th day of May, 2015.

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Dick Mullenax, Board Chair

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Kathryn M. LeRoy, Superintendent